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### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2004 Received

## AN ACT

To amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Pledge Protection Act
- 3 of 2004".
- 4 SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.
- 5 (a) In General.—Chapter 99 of title 28, United
- 6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 7 lowing:

### 8 "§ 1632. Limitation on jurisdiction

- 9 "No court created by Act of Congress shall have any
- 10 jurisdiction, and the Supreme Court shall have no appel-
- 11 late jurisdiction, to hear or decide any question pertaining
- 12 to the interpretation of, or the validity under the Constitu-
- 13 tion of, the Pledge of Allegiance, as defined in section 4
- 14 of title 4, or its recitation.". The limitation in this section
- 15 shall not apply to the Superior Court of the District of
- 16 Columbia or the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
- 17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 18 at the beginning of chapter 99 of title 28, United States

- 1 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 2 item:

"1632. Limitation on jurisdiction.".

Passed the House of Representatives September 23, 2004.

Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.